

**SUPPLEMENT**  
**TO THE**  
**1958 - 1959 DIRECTORY**  
**including**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS**

The best things in life are not free. Directories are certainly no exception.

In the March 1959 issue of MLN the Library Commission made its first attempt at compiling a complete Directory of Mississippi library information. This turned out to be an interesting, challenging, expensive and all but overwhelming undertaking. Besides the extensive correspondence necessary to gather the information and the staff hours to compile it, there was the practical consideration of 50 pages required to print it in MLN.

Viewed then in terms of its costs, we ask ourselves whether it was—and is—worth it. The consensus of reader and staff opinion, as best we can evaluate it, is that it has been well worth it. From unexpected sources throughout the country and the state have come expressions of appreciation for the Directory and testimonials as to its usefulness.

Evidences of its value led immediately (*tempus* does indeed *fugit*!) into consideration of whether we should attempt a new Directory issue each year. Whereupon only 9 months have passed since the first one and considering that the staff and finances are no less hard pressed now than they were in March, it seems sufficient to bring the 1958-1959 Directory up-to-date with what changes, additions, and corrections we have information to make.

To get complete information about Mississippi libraries, therefore the 2 issues of MLN for March 1959 and for December 1959 will have to be used **together**. Because the Directory information comprised most of the March 1959 issue more copies were printed than for the average run and are still available if needed to combine with the supplementary Directory data in this December 1959 issue.

The Editorial Board of MLN and the staff of the Library Commission invite critical comments on this question of Directory information. Nobody—compiler, editor, or reader—has time on his hands that he prefers to spend in futile effort; unless it serves some useful purpose to its readers, nothing is justified in MLN.

# PEOPLE

## Who Work In Public Libraries

These additions to the 1958-59 list are gathered from the annual reports submitted by the public libraries for their fiscal year ending September 30, 1959. They include the staff of the Library Commission which was omitted unintentionally from the March listing.

### Staff Members

Adams, Mrs. Fred ..... Macon  
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 Bruce, Mrs. Sara L. .... Shelby  
 Burch, Mrs. Thomas A. . . Rolling Fork  
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 Conner, Mrs. R. H. .... Minter City  
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 Entrekin, John ..... Hattiesburg  
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 Filgo, Sarah ..... Tupelo  
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 ..... New Albany  
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 Hinton, Mrs. Annie Bess Roberts  
 ..... Miss. Library Commission  
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 Ingram, Cora Ivy ..... Cleveland  
 Isom, Mary E. .... Bay St. Louis  
 Jones, Johnnie ..... Clarksdale  
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 Joseph, Mrs. L. L. .... Natchez  
 Kennedy, Mrs. Marie J. .... Raymond  
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 ..... Miss. Library Commission  
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 Rogers, Maudie  
 ..... Miss. Library Commission  
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 Ruff, Judy ..... Plain  
 Ryker, Mrs. Harold ..... Biloxi  
 Sappington, Maude ..... Pontotoc  
 Seale, Mrs. C. T. .... Rolling Fork  
 Seales, Lillian ..... Hernando  
 Smith, Mrs. Alice ..... Magee  
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 Turley, Mrs. Edith ..... Leland  
 Tusch, Mrs. Ivy ..... Carthage  
 Vance, Edith ..... West Point  
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 Wallace, Margaret ..... Gulfport  
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 White, Mrs. Frances ..... Hernando  
 White, Rosa Lee ..... Baldwin  
 Wood, Mrs. Cornelia B. . . Greenville  
 Wood, Ruth ..... Tupelo

**Negro**

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# PEOPLE

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These trustees have terminated their service on library boards. A grateful profession offers deepest appreciation to them for their years of effective and selfless work for the public libraries of Mississippi.

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**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY NEWS**

# PLACES

The March 1959 Directory attempted to list for the first time all of the stationary places where people may get books from the state's public libraries. This first list contained more omissions than we believe can be legitimately claimed as our "margin for error." We hope these additions and corrections will bring the March list of 127 places completely and correctly up-to-date.

## Libraries

Ashland, Benton Co.  
 Bruce, Calhoun Co.  
 Calhoun City, Calhoun Co.  
 Centreville, Wilkinson & Amite Co.  
 Como, Panola Co.  
 Crosby, Amite & Wilkinson Co.  
 East Tupelo, Lee Co.  
 Gloster, Amite Co.  
 Greenwood, Leflore Co.  
 Hickory Flat, Benton Co.  
 Inverness, Sunflower Co.  
 Jackson (Livingston Park Branch),  
 Hinds Co.

Liberty, Amite Co.  
 Minter City, Leflore Co.  
 Oxford, Lafayette Co.  
 Pontotoc, Pontotoc Co.  
 Schlater, Leflore Co.  
 Senatobia, Tate Co.  
 Shaw, Bolivar Co.  
 Taylorsville, Smith Co.  
 Weir, Choctaw Co.  
 West, Holmes Co.  
 Woodville, Wilkinson Co.

## Negro Libraries

Aberdeen — Evans Memorial Colored  
 Branch  
 Brookhaven, Gulledege Branch  
 Clarksdale, Myrtle Hall Branch  
 Cleveland, East Side Branch  
 Corinth Negro Branch  
 Greenville, Miller Memorial  
 Greenwood, Broad Street School  
 Branch  
 Gulfport, Soria City Branch  
 Gulfport, West Side Branch

Hazlehurst, Parrish Branch  
 Hattiesburg, East Sixth Street Branch  
 Holly Springs, Marshall County Color-  
 ed Center  
 Jackson, G. W. Carver Branch  
 Jackson, College Park Branch  
 Meridian Branch for Negroes  
 Natchez, W. J. Fleming Branch  
 Sardis Colored Branch  
 Tupelo, A. M. Strange Branch  
 Vicksburg, Etta O'Neill Branch

## BOOKMOBILES

In addition to the 169 stationary points of access to books there is mobile service in 42 of the 82 counties in the state. Below are listed the library systems which operate these bookmobiles and the number of different places each bookmobile visits. The stops range in frequency from once a month to once a week; they range in length from 10 minutes in scattered, sparsely settled areas to a full half day in more thickly populated suburban areas around the cities or in larger communities which may prefer mobile service to a stationary branch.

The degree to which the public library has been able to assume its responsibility for service to the general public rather than to substitute for or supplement school library service may be indicated by a comparison between the number of stops at schools and the number of stops at communities.

NAME OF THE LIBRARY	The Counties Served	Total Number of Bookmobile Stops	Number of Stops at Schools	Number of Community Stops
Bolivar County Library	Bolivar	35	6	29
Capital Area Regional Library	Hinds, Simpson Rankin, Scott	446	22	424
Clarksdale Carnegie Library	Coahoma	29	10	19
Copiah County Library	Copiah **Jefferson	50	2	48
First Regional Library	DeSoto, Panola Lafayette, Tate	246	19	227
Fisk Public Library	Adams	50	13	37
Gulfport Carnegie- Harrison County Library	Harrison	47	29	18
Hattiesburg Public Library	Forrest	81	11	70

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**(Bookmobiles, Continued)**

NAME OF THE LIBRARY	The Counties Served	Total Number of Bookmobile Stops	Number of Stops at Schools	Number of Community Stops	
Lee-Itawamba Library System	Lee Itawamba		53	25	28
Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library	Lincoln Lawrence		99	20	79
Meridian-Neshoba Library Service	Lauderdale Neshoba		143	18	125
Mid-Mississippi Regional Library	Attala Winston		86	9	77
Northeast Regional Library	Alcorn **Benton Prentiss Tippah Tishomingo		94	47	47
Pascagoula City-Jackson County Library	Jackson		165	19	146
Pine Forest Regional Library	Covington Lamar Perry Stone		96	19	77
Pontotoc County Library	Pontotoc *Calhoun **Chickasaw		26	14	12
Sharkey-Issaquena Library Demonstration	**Sharkey **Issaquena		34	1	33
Tallahatchie County Library	Tallahatchie		32	6	26
Tombigbee Regional Library	Choctaw Clay Monroe		87	10	77

\*In current planning stage

\*\*On demonstration basis

# STRUCTURE

## *By Administrative Organization*

The answer to the question "How many libraries are there in Mississippi?" grows increasingly impossible to give, except in whatever frame of reference the inquirer asks it. Officially speaking, the number is determined by the number of library organizations. However, for certain service purposes and advantages, two or more of these independent administrative units may join together into a system, so the "number" of libraries tends to vary again. Many libraries start out with a community, town, municipal, or county structure and move later into broader administrative patterns. Thus, and in keeping with the recommendations of the new Public Library Standards, the future will continue to produce fewer "libraries" administratively and more "libraries" as points of access to books.

To the March 1959 list of libraries by structure of their administrative organization there need to be made the changes and additions explained below.

### **Multi-County Systems**

Pontotoc and Calhoun counties are in the process of negotiating a regional library contract. When this is accomplished, they will be engaged by the Library Commission to extend their mobile service to Chickasaw County.

The Rolling Fork Library has become the center of operations for the Twin-County Demonstration including Sharkey and Issaquena counties.

Northeast Regional Library has been hired by the Library Commission to give library service to Benton County for a demonstration period of one year.

Copiah County Library and the Library Commission have negotiated a contract whereby Copiah will operate bookmobile service in Jefferson County and a branch library in Fayette.

### **Municipal or Town Libraries**

The following town libraries have been organized with specific plans to expand into larger units of service as soon as broader bases of support can be secured:

Centreville, Crosby, Gloster, Liberty, Taylorsville, Water Valley, Woodville.

Mrs. Lucille Chapman is librarian at Water Valley. The other 6 are being operated by volunteers until financial support from the towns and counties can be obtained.

# PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

(Information compiled from the Annual Reports submitted to the Mississippi Library Commission by the Public Libraries for the period from October 1, 1958 through September 30, 1959. At the time of recording this data no reports had been received from: Greene County Library, George County Library, Jefferson Davis County Library, McComb Library Association, Okolona Carnegie Library, Pass Christian Public Library, Pike County Library at Magnolia and Waynesboro Public Library.)

## What of statistics?

No other responsibility gives the Library Commission as much concern as does that of assembling, compiling and distributing library statistics. While figures do not lie, they do, when printed without explanatory and interpretative background, often fail to tell the truth. At their best they serve as poor measures for library service.

A library owns so many books. What books? A library circulates so many books. To whom? For how long? For what purpose? Under what conditions? How counted? And anyway, how many books should a library—just any library—circulate? A library has so much money. How much should it have? What did it spend it for? There are so many staff members. What do they spend their time doing? What is the relationship between ability and performance, between actual qualifications and paper qualifications?

The longer one thinks about statistics and dwells on figures as a measure of libraries or as a means for making comparisons among different libraries the more questions arise and the further the answers recede. Why collect statistics, then? Have they any value?

Indeed they have. When statistical figures are studied against a background of knowledge of local conditions and circumstances they become an exciting part of a library's portrait. But if used for comparative purposes among libraries with no interpretation, statistics can be often unfair and sometimes harmful.

Out of the mass of data presented in annual reports, therefore, what is most significant as measures of library adequacy? Which items lend themselves to more objectivity than others? Which depends least on interpretation and contains the most common elements among the several libraries? What produces the sharpest images in library portraiture? It is in seeking replies to these questions that we decided to present statistics involving three aspects of library data: 1. Finances 2. Materials 3. Hours open to the public for service

## FINANCES

Two factors of equal importance must be considered simultaneously in analyzing library finance: **Total Basic Income** and **Per Capita Income**. Either alone is not sufficient to determine the financial adequacy. A library may have a very high per capita income and still have too small a total income to give good service while a library may have a huge total income and have to serve such a large population that its effectiveness is limited. A listing of the financial condition of Mississippi's public libraries as revealed through their tax income (no consideration was made of fines, rentals, and small miscellaneous income) follows, based on an examination of both total basic income and per capita income.

Library	Total Basic Income	Library	Per Capita Income
Jackson Municipal . . . . .	\$160,000	Evans Memorial, Aberdeen . . . . .	\$1.72
Capital Area Regional . . . . .	72,568	Moss Point City . . . . .	1.64
Meridian-Neshoba . . . . .	59,680	Jackson County - Pascagoula City . . . . .	1.64
Hattiesburg . . . . .	45,839	Jackson Municipal . . . . .	1.63
First Regional . . . . .	45,364	Henry M. Seymour, Indianola . . . . .	1.48
Jackson County-Pascagoula City . . . . .	45,201	Houston Carnegie . . . . .	1.32
Clarksdale Carnegie . . . . .	44,000	Fisk, Natchez . . . . .	1.20
Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County . . . . .	42,000	Newton . . . . .	1.12
Northeast Regional . . . . .	39,621	Hattiesburg . . . . .	1.02
Fisk, Natchez . . . . .	38,658	Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County . . . . .	.90
Greenwood-Leflore . . . . .	34,720	Clarksdale Carnegie . . . . .	.89
Lee-Itawamba . . . . .	32,732	Greenwood-Leflore . . . . .	.67
Tombigbee . . . . .	31,650	Leland . . . . .	.67
Vicksburg . . . . .	26,700	Vicksburg . . . . .	.67
William Alexander Percy Memorial, Greenville . . . . .	26,006	Meridian-Neshoba County . . . . .	.66
Mid-Mississippi . . . . .	25,581	Capital Area Regional . . . . .	.62
Pine Forest Regional . . . . .	22,591	Long Beach . . . . .	.61
Lincoln-Lawrence . . . . .	22,225	Copiah County . . . . .	.59
Bolivar County . . . . .	22,010	Lee-Itawamba . . . . .	.59
Copiah County . . . . .	17,877	Picayune . . . . .	.56
Henry M. Seymour, Indianola . . . . .	16,579	Union County . . . . .	.56
Biloxi . . . . .	16,000	Lincoln-Lawrence Regional . . . . .	.55

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**(Finances, Continued)**

<b>Library</b>	<b>Total Basic Income</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Per Capita Income</b>
Sunflower County . . . . .	12,353	Pontotoc County . . . . .	.54
Tallahatchie County . . . . .	12,000	Mid-Mississippi Regional . . . . .	.52
Marshall County . . . . .	11,624	Pine Forest Regional . . . . .	.51
Holmes County . . . . .	11,310	Northeast Regional . . . . .	.50
Union County . . . . .	11,206	Tombigbee Regional . . . . .	.48
Pontotoc County . . . . .	10,838	First Regional . . . . .	.47
Laurel Library Association . . . . .	9,986	Grenada County . . . . .	.47
Evans Memorial, Aberdeen . . . . .	9,110	Marshall County . . . . .	.46
Grenada County . . . . .	8,817	Water Valley . . . . .	.44
Yazoo Library Association . . . . .	8,389	Biloxi . . . . .	.43
Shelby Memorial, Columbia . . . . .	6,600	Bay St. Louis City-County Mem- orial . . . . .	.42
Moss Point City . . . . .	6,200	Williams Alexander Percy Mem- orial, Greenville . . . . .	.40
Bay St. Louis City-County Memorial . . . . .	5,000	Isola . . . . .	.40
Noxubee County . . . . .	4,560	Tallahatchie County . . . . .	.39
Columbus-Lowndes County . . . . .	4,550	Bolivar County . . . . .	.35
Picayune . . . . .	3,750	Holmes County . . . . .	.34
Leake County . . . . .	3,563	Shelby Memorial, Columbia . . . . .	.28
Newton . . . . .	3,250	Sunflower County . . . . .	.28
Leland . . . . .	3,150	Canton . . . . .	.26
Walthall County . . . . .	2,280	Yazoo Library Association . . . . .	.23
Carnegie Public, Houston . . . . .	2,195	Noxubee County . . . . .	.23
Canton . . . . .	1,800	Laurel Library Association . . . . .	.17
Long Beach . . . . .	1,650	Leake County . . . . .	.16
Montgomery County . . . . .	1,556	Walthall County . . . . .	.15
Jefferson County . . . . .	1,500	Jefferson County . . . . .	.13
Water Valley . . . . .	1,401	Columbus-Lowndes County . . . . .	.12
Harriette Person Memorial, Port Gibson . . . . .	1,200	Harriette Person Memorial, Port Gibson . . . . .	.10
Quitman County . . . . .	1,060	Montgomery County . . . . .	.10
Clarke County . . . . .	965	Peral River County . . . . .	.06
Pearl River County . . . . .	750	Clarke County . . . . .	.05
Oktibbeha County . . . . .	710	Rolling Fork . . . . .	.05
Rolling Fork . . . . .	700	Quitman County . . . . .	.04
Isola . . . . .	180	Oktibbeha County . . . . .	.03

# MATERIALS

No public library can possibly be any better than what it has in it. Buildings, no matter how up-to-date, and personnel, no matter how well trained nor how willing, cannot give good library service without enough of the right books.

While the amount of money spent for books is not the only criteria for judging a book collection, it is certainly indicative of what a library can or cannot offer its readers in the way of up-to-date, inclusive material. A summary of the total amount of money reported as spent for library materials (including commercial binding, books, magazines, and audio-visual material) reveals these facts:

57 libraries filed Annual Reports

7 had no book funds last year; 6 were new libraries whose initial book collections were furnished by the Mississippi Library Commission as part of their establishment aid

8 libraries reported a total of only \$1423 for audio-visual materials

18 libraries sent books to a commercial bindery. The total amount spent for this purpose by them all was \$7,346

50 libraries find themselves grouped in the following categories:

## Total Expenditures for Materials

## Number of Libraries

Over \$25,000	1
\$20,000-25,000	1
\$10,000-20,000	5
\$ 5,000-10,000	12
\$ 1,000-5,000	18
Below \$1,000	13

There follows a list of the libraries in the state arranged in descending order as to their total budgets for library materials. Included is the number of books added by purchase during the year by each and the total number of books in its book collection at the end of the year. Several of the

libraries are currently making complete renovation of their book collections and available records at present do not indicate an accurate count of their holdings. The wide variation between the number of volumes added and the amount spent for books may be attributed in part to the extensive practice among the libraries of using commercial rental agencies to supply their best seller and ephemeral fiction titles. Sums thus spent are included in the total book budget but are not reflected in the number of volumes added.

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<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>Total Amt. Spent For Library Materials</b>	<b>Number of Volumes Purchased During Year</b>	<b>Total No. of Volumes in Library at End of Year</b>
Jackson Municipal .....	\$45,397	12,126	105,373
Capital Area Regional .....	20,857	4,378	52,832
Meridian-Neshoba .....	14,161	5,316	72,380
Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County..	11,239	3,699	36,259
Lee-Itawamba .....	11,226	6,780	39,665
Fisk Public, Natchez .....	11,082	3,661	27,891
Hattiesburg Public .....	10,181	3,223	71,556
Tombigbee Regional .....	9,938	2,528	46,571
First Regional .....	8,689	4,478	52,626
Clarksdale Carnegie .....	7,876	2,496	64,636
Northeast Regional .....	6,709	3,915	33,874
Mid-Mississippi Regional .....	6,642	1,720	17,997
Lincoln-Lawrence Regional .....	6,622	2,182	26,467
Pine Forest Regional .....	6,398	874	*
Greenwood-Leflore .....	6,174	2,009	36,360
Vicksburg .....	6,072	1,876	37,052
Biloxi .....	5,924	1,598	8,598
William Alexander Percy Memorial, Greenville .....	5,884	2,534	31,392
Copiah County .....	5,694	2,375	26,754
Henry M. Seymour, Indianola .....	4,103	***	**3,012
Pascagoula City-Jackson County .....	3,866	2,040	27,308
Union County .....	3,644	1,146	22,412
Tallahatchie County .....	2,922	1,092	20,800
Laurel Library Association .....	2,880	970	53,233
Holmes County .....	2,837	301	19,632
Moss Point City .....	2,381	970	***

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**(Materials, Continued)**

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>Total Amt. Spent for Library Materials</b>	<b>Number of Volumes Purchased During Year</b>	<b>Total No. of Volumes in Library at End of Year</b>
Yazoo Library Association .....	2,333	953	31,885
Canton .....	2,122	807	***
Marshall County .....	1,797	655	4,857
Pontotoc County .....	1,761	572	6,887
Grenada County .....	1,636	610	15,415
Shelby Memorial, Columbia .....	1,645	1,042	***
Picayune .....	1,453	422	7,461
Evans Memorial, Aberdeen .....	1,354	281	24,057
Noxubee County .....	1,326	421	6,701
Oktibbeha County .....	1,166	384	10,874
Sunflower County .....	1,165		
Walthall County .....	917	550	3,155
Leake County .....	913	600	5,050
Leland .....	717	282	5,295
Harriette Person Memorial, Port Gibson .....	614	223	11,244
Newton Public .....	582	276	8,278
Montgomery County .....	557	227	9,776
Houston Carnegie .....	523	130	3,865
Long Beach .....	442	140	4,149
Quitman County .....	389	193	4,475
Columbus-Lowndes County .....	318	381	***
Pearl River County .....	200	75	3,100
Jefferson County .....	98		
Bay St. Louis City-County Memorial ..	30	241	9,305

\*Basic book stock has been supplied by Mississippi Library Commission

\*\*Initial collection has been supplemented by the Mississippi Library Commission

\*\*\*Basic book collection now being completely reorganized



# HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR SERVICE

To determine library hours PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE: A GUIDE TO EVALUATION WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS<sup>1</sup> uses this guiding principle: "Well-planned hours of service must be maintained by all units in a library system." Specific standards set up to carry out this principle include:

"The central library . . . should normally be open daily for the full range of services during morning, afternoon, and evening hours . . ."

"The community library in a small population center should provide services to the public some substantial part of five days a week, the hours and days to be selected upon a basis of maximum potential use."

There follows a list of the Service Points maintained by each public library in the state, the total number of hours it is open for service to the public, and the number of said hours which are after 5 p.m.

<sup>1</sup>American Library Association, 1956

LIBRARY	Service Point	Total Hours Open Per Week	No. of hours Which are After 5 p.m.
Bay St. Louis City-County Memorial	Bay St. Louis	33	
Benton County	Ashland	15	
	Hickory Flat	15	
Biloxi	Biloxi	51	9
Bolivar County	Cleveland	32	12
	Gunnison	11	
	Merigold	9	
	Rosedale	35	
	Shaw	9	
	Shelby	9	
Bruce	Bruce	15	3
Calhoun City	Calhoun City	15	3
Canton	Canton	32	
Capital Area Regional	Bolton	8	
	Brandon	20	
	Cayuga	5	
	Clinton	15	
	Flowood	12	
	Florence	13	
	Forest	32	
	Forest (Negro)	6	2
	Lake	18	
	Magee	27	
	Mendenhall	19	
	Morton	20	
	Pelahatchie	15	
	Raymond	37½	
	Sand Hill	6	
	Terry	10	1
	Utica	16	

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LIBRARY	Service Point	Total Hours	
		Open Per Week	No. of Hours Which are After 5 p.m.
Centreville	Centreville	10	3
Clarke County	Quitman	30	
Clarksdale Carnegie	Clarksdale	69½	21½
	Clarksdale, Myrtle Hall	25	6
Columbus-Lowndes County	Columbus	30	
Copiah County	Hazlehurst	51	3
	Crystal Springs	40	
	Wesson	15	
	Parrish Branch	20	
Crosby	Crosby	15	3
Evans Memorial	Aberdeen	48	
	Aberdeen (Negro)	34	
First Regional	Batesville	23	
	Coldwater	41	
	Como	32	
	Crenshaw	8	
	Hernando (Amma Gray Horn )	20	
	Olive Branch	44	
	Oxford	30	
	Sardis	23	
	Senatobia	20	
Fisk Public	Natchez	53	12
	Natchez, W. J. Fleming	15	5
Gloster	Gloster	8	1½
Greenwood-Leflore	Greenwood	48	18
	Greenwood, Broad Street School	20	
	Itta Bena	20	
	Minter City	48	6
	Morgan City	42	
	Schlater	8	1
	Sidon	52	5
Grenada County	Grenada	45	3
Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County	Gulfport	61	15
	Soria City Branch	30	6
	West Side Branch	30	12
Harriette Person Memorial	Port Gibson	12	
Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg	68	14
	Hattiesburg, East Sixth Street	30	9
Henry M. Seymour	Indianola	44	
Holmes County	Durant	40	
	Goodman	15	
	Lexington	40	

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## (Hours Open To The Public For Service, Continued)

LIBRARY	Service Point	Total Hours	
		Open Per Week	No. of Hours Which are After 5 p.m.
	Pickens	35	
	Tchula	40	
	West	8	
Houston Carnegie	Houston	20	
Isola	Isola	9	
Jackson County-Pascagoula City	Ocean Springs	15	
	Pascagoula	48	8
Jackson Municipal	Jackson	68	20
	Jackson, Carver	63	15
	Jackson, College Park	44	
	Livingston Park	63	15
Jefferson County	Fayette	17	
Laurel Library Association	Laurel	46½	2½
Leake County	Carthage	12	
Lee-Itawamba	Baldwyn	9	
	Fulton	12	
	Tupelo	48	6
	Tupelo, East	7	
	Tupelo, Strange	8	3
Leland	Leland	27	
Liberty	Liberty	9	2
Lincoln-Lawrence Regional	Brookhaven	48	
	Brookhaven, Gullledge	15	8
	Monticello	22	2½
Marshall County	Holly Springs	27	
	Holly Springs, Colored Center	5	
Meridian-Neshoba Library Service	Meridian	57	6
	Meridian (Negro)	39	15
	Philadelphia	30	
Mid-Mississippi Regional	Kosciusko	40½	3
	Louisville	40	
Montgomery County	Winona	33	
Moss Point City	Moss Point	54	
Newton	Newton	20	
Northeast Regional	Baldwyn	10	
	Belmont	10	
	Blue Mountain	10	
	Booneville	27	3
	Chalybeate	6	
	Corinth	48	12
	Corinth (Negro)	20	10
	Iuka	40	5
	Ripley	40	5
	Tishomingo	10	

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<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Total Hours Oper Per Week</b>	<b>No. of Hours Which are After 5 p.m.</b>
Noxubee County	Walnut	10	
	Brooksville	15	
	Macon	33	
Oktibbeha County	Shuqualak	15	
	Starkville	10½	
	Poplarville	6	
Pearl River County	Picayune	23½	6½
Pine Forest Regional	Beaumont	9	
	Collins	12	
	Lumberton	9	
	Mt. Olive	9	
	Purvis	9	
	Richton	9	
	Seminary	9	
	Sumrall	9	
	Wiggins	18	
	Ecu	3	
	Pontotoc	48½	
	Zion	4	
Quitman County	Marks	12	
Rolling Fork	Rolling Fork	9	
Shelby Memorial	Columbia	24½	2
Sunflower County	Drew	20	
	Inverness	30	
	Ruleville	24	
	Sunflower	20	2½
	Charleston	40	
Tallahatchie County	Sumner	40	
	Tutwiler	8	
	Taylorsville	9	
Taylorsville	Ackerman	22	
Tombigbee Regional	Amory	34	
	Nettleton	25	
	Weir	15	
	West Point	54	6
	Wren	21	
	New Albany	43½	
	Vicksburg	60	12
Union County	Vicksburg, Etta O'Neill	34	
	Tylertown	12	
	Water Valley	48	
Walthall County	Greenville	54	12
Water Valley	Greenville, Miller Mem-	30	10
William Alexander Percy Memorial	orial	12	1½
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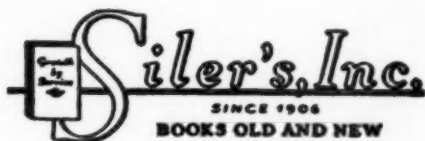
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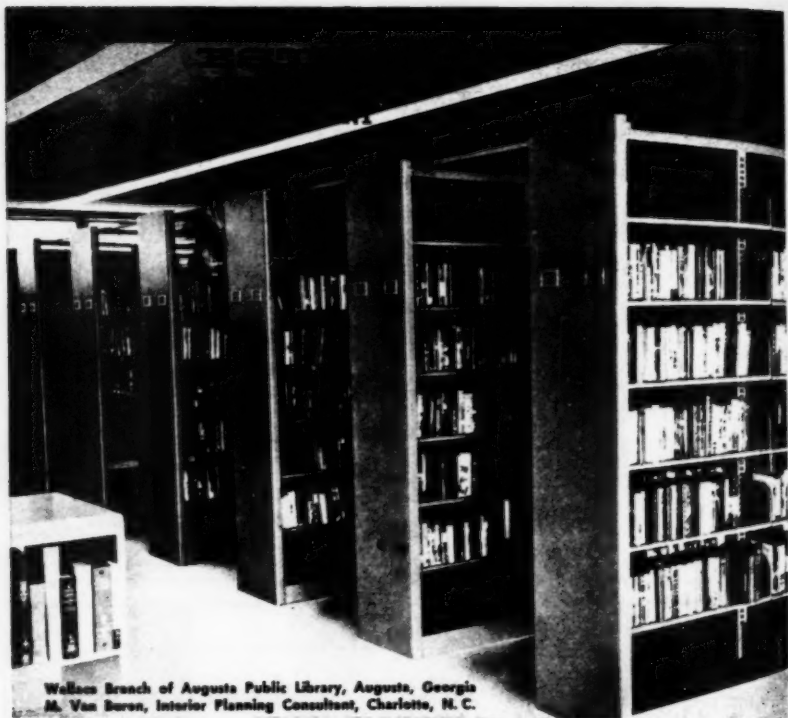
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